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**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: Douglas ALLARD

Serial No.: 10/072,877

Filed: February 12, 2002

For: CATCH BASIN FILTRATION SYSTEM  
WITH DISPOSABLE  
SILT/CONTAMINANT COLLECTOR

Group Art Unit: 3671

Examiner: Alexandra K. Pechhold

Atty. Dkt. No.: 11533.0012.CNUS06

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED FEBRUARY 3, 2003**

Mail Stop AF  
Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Examiner Pechhold:

This is in response to the Final Office Action dated **February 3, 2003** having a shortened statutory period for response that expires on May 3, 2003 and is submitted simultaneously with the accompanying Request for Continued Examination. A Petition extending the period for response by three months to August 3, 2003 accompanies this response, along with a check for the appropriate extension fee. Because August 3, 2003 is